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### GREAT YEAR AHEAD FOR ENTIRE SOUTH, **BUSINESS MEN SAY**

Richmond Financiers See in 1923 Prosperity for All.

FORECAST STABILITY

McAdams, Former President

and the south in an easy condition that assures unusual prosperity for he New Year that begins tomorrow. This prosperity will come to Richmond, because this city enjoys the race from the territory that is affected by the big prices for cofton, obacco and other crops, and because there is more building years of the source o there is more building going on here now than has been known for many

Leading bankers, merchants and men in all lines of business, large and small, are optimistic over the prospects for the year of 1923. This feeling is due, they say, to the noticeable improvement in financial conditions and in all other activities during the past few months, and, while the foreign situation presents a pos-

been interviewed by The Times-Dis-patch declare that, despite the un-settled conditions in Richmond and throughout the United States because of the strikes, business has been bet-ter since September than it was dur-ing the same period of 1921, and that there is no reason to believe that anything will hanven. ing will happen to prevent an

eral months, has been rectified, clais say, and the transportation the fuel will not be retarded to extent in the future. Equiput that was necessarily out of mission because of the strikes and rolling stock for use in mg passengers and freight is as adequate for all times and reconstruction of the strikes and rolling stock for use in the strikes as adequate for all times and reconstructions. After passengers are summer to the strikes and rolling stock for use in the strikes are summer to summer to the strikes are summer to the strikes are summer to the strikes. The attended to offer Amendment.

Threatened efforts to extend the strikes provision did not materialize amendment. Senator the summer than a s it is said.

close of the World War. Improvement in business conditions, generally, would tend to make the hotels busier, it is pointed out, but many conventions have already been booked for Richmond in 1923, and for that reason thousands of visitors will have to be provided for.

If the business at the Richmond post-office increases in 1923 in proportion to the increase this year, it will pass all previous marks. Receipts for the twelve months ending today show a gain over the preced-

today show a gain over the preceding year of 8.35 per cent.

The following figures were announced yesterday by Postmaster Stepart:

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Receipts for the fiscal year ond-ing sine \$0, 1921, \$1,455,564,20. Receipts for the fiscal year endy-ing June 30, 1922, \$1,570,518.44.

McAdams Looks for Big Year. Thomas B. McAdams, for Big Year.
Thomas B. McAdams, for mer president of the American Bankers' Association, and member of the firm of Scott & Stringfellow, bankers and brokers, of Richmond, is one of the leading bankers of this city, who is looking forward to a prosperous 1923.

"We should have normal prosperity next year," said Mr. McAdams yester-day. "There is plenty of employment for those who want to work and busi-ness men should all enjoy it if they develop what is before them conser

"The crops in the South have been unusually good this year and cotton and tobacco have brought good prices That has made the farmer prosper-ous. The possibility of easy money insures flancial and business stabil-That has made the farm ty, provided our foreign policies are developed in a way to bring about a solution of the situation abroad

a solution or the situation abroad and the coal situation, which enters into every facility is solved on a basis in which public interest is given consideration."

the Rotall Merchants' Association, president of the Central National Bank and president of Schwarzschild Brothers, fewelers, also takes an optismistic view of the situation in 1923. Mr. Schwarzschild said:

"The general outlook for the year 1923 is very encouraging. The average business in 1923 should be better than for 1922, provided there

age business in 1923 should be better than for 1922, provided there are no unfavorable developments in Europe, and that the rise of prices in other

#### ARMENIAN NATIONAL HOME TO BE FINANCED BY AMERICAN PEOPLE

Suggestion Made to Lausanne Conference U. S. Will Furnish-\$20,000,000 if Suitable Territory Is Assigned for Nation Made Homeless by Persecution.

[By Associated Press.]

LAUSANNE, Dec. 30.—Plans for an Armenian national home, financed by a possible \$20,000,000 appropriation by the United States Congress or a popular loan in America in addition

To funds from other countries, were presented to the Near East conference to the words employed to the words employed the words employed the words employed the manner of the words employed to the words employed to the words employed the words employed to the words employed to the words employed to the words employed the words employed the words employed to the wor

| was unrelieved by the developments in the meetings of the subcommis

Conference Unsatisfactory. Conference Unsatisfactory, "Sterlie and unsatisfactory" wer the words employed by allied representatives in commenting on the meetings held to discuss the questions of minorities and economic capitulations

American Bankers' Association, Optimistic.

MERCHANTS LOOK FOR BOOM.

Conditions Here Most Encouraging, Schwarzschild Declares—Hotels
Expect Hig Business.

Good crops, with cotton, tobacco and other products of the soil bring- and the American home be located in Clilicia, just north of the Guit of Alexandretta, in territory containing home be located in Clilicia, just north of the Guit of Alexandretta, in territory containing about 18,600 square miles. Plan Proposed by Montgomery.

The general conference is stand- ing still," said one of the delegates as summarizing conditions.

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#### NAVY MEASURE REPARATIONS CUT

on Borah Conference Plan.

Meeting.

(By Associated Press.] WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The \$325, 000,000 naval appropriation bill was passed late today by the Senate. Senator Borah, Republican, Idaho, did not offer his amendment for a world economic conference and the Senate did not discuss nor change

Senate did not discuss nor change the Hopse provision requesting the President to negotiate for a further naval limitation agreement.

This provision, remaining in the bill, will go to the President and will not come before the Senate and House conferees. It requests the Presdent to negotiate with Great Britain, Japan, Erance and Raily with a view to agreements limiting vessels under 10,000 tons and aircraft not covered by the arms conference treaties.

nistration shipping bill, been laid aside temporarily, was brought up again and placed in position for resumption of debate when the Senate meets again next Wednesday

REACH PORT AS DRY NAVY SEEKS REPAIRS

Nearly \$7,000,000 Worth of Liquor Brought to Gotham Last Night.

[By Associated Press.]
NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—With the sub chaser Hansen, Federal dry navy of the port of New York, tied up at the Battery with engines disabled, the Narrows was left unguarded tonight long enough for fifteen rum-runners to slip into port with nearly \$7,000,000 worth of liquor for New Year's, the police department was advised. The fifteen little vessels are believed by prohibition officials to have abourd at least 60,000 cases of liquor. They represent only

They represent only a part of th fleet of rum-laden craft, which sine a few days before Christmas had been just outside the three-mile limit, awaiting opportunity to run the

gantlet into the city.
Federal Prohibition Zone Chief Appleby was amazed when he learned that the Hanson, flagship of his "dry

All this followed discovery in the crew's quarters on the flansen today of twenty case of liquor, alleged to have been part of a cargo of seventy cases seized on the schooner Linnie Bell, several days ago.

With the Hansen out of the way

and that the rise of prices in Europe. Cases seized on the schooner Linnie Bell, several days ago.

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BOAT SERVICE TO BALTIMORE 33.00—YORK RIVER LINE—\$3.00
Save time and money—travel while you sleep. Fast connecting train to West Foint. So. Ry., 509 E. Main St. Phone Mad. 272—Adv.

Commissioner Austin Baughman for another card.

"We did all we could to help them, but they failed to read the directions on the packet containing the tags.

But Thousands have made this mistake," said Colonel Baughman today.

"We did all we could to help them, but they failed to read the directions on the packet containing the tags.

But Thousands have made this mistake, and so will be prevented from using their machines."

### The tension in the peace negotiations of the Near East conference (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4.)

Appropriation Bill Is Silent Bonar Law's Proposal Is to Fix Sum at Twelve Billions.

in January.

[By Associated Press.] LONDON, Dec. 30.—Since the ad-journment of the allied Fremiers journment of the allied Premiers meeting here on December 11, in order to avoid an open break between Great Britain and France on the subject of reparations there has been a flood of rumors and, reports concerning the solution of the deadlock that Prime Minister Bonar Law was likely to propose when the allied representatives resumed their discussions in Paris.

Official Statement Issued. Only today, however, was an au-thoritative statement forthcoming from official circles. This was to the effect that the British Premier would

effect that the British Premier would go to Faris next Monday armed with a new plan for a mail and completes settlement of the whole question of Germany's war obligations. Immediately after the London breakdown, Downing Street's idea was that the French attitude would change, but the last fortnight has shown the trend of French official shown the trend of French official oward, the British, with the result ar Law yesterday pre-his Cabinet a plan which it is stated comprises the utmost limit of British concessions.

Protracted speeches today on extraneous subjects resulted in a charge by Senator Smoot, Republican. Uthat, that fillibustering was in progress. The speech-making stopped soon after Senator Smoot's statement, all Senator smiting in expediting passage of the naval bill. Senator Jones, Republican, Washington, in charge of the shipping bill, gave notice, however, that next Wednesday he would (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3.)

FIFTEEN RUM SHIPS

In Rule Global principles and to be as follows:

1. Any reparations program agreed which will put a definite end to the wrangling of the last three years and give an opportunity for the economic reconstruction of Europe. 2. A moratorium for Germany is essential for a period of from two to four years, in which time Germany must balance her budget, stabilize the mark and undergo general fluancial reform under allied supervision, but not under allied receivership.

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to about £2,500,000,000, which if not paid after Germany is given a fair chance to make good her obligations, will be obtained by an ascending scale of economic penalties. British official circles discount reports from Paris that the French had formed definite, unchangeable plans, to be forced against the Germans beginning January 15.

him against the German tactics of (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2.)

AUTO TRIPS BARRED

tags, will be unable to start the Year with a motor trip, all because

that the Hansen, flagship of his "dry fleet," was tied up at her pler.

"I thought she was out patrolling the Narrows," he explained.

Appleby immediately got in touch with Captain John H. Dysart, commander of the Hansen. It developed that a mysterious order had been received on the Hansen to have her engines repaired, but the authority for the order could not be learned. The rum chaser then went to her dock and her engines were taken down.

All this followed discovery in the

### FOUND DEAD IN FURNISHED ROOM ILL SEVERAL YEARS Real and Personal Property Relieved of Taxation Un-

Justice Fuller Dies in Chicago.

APARTMENT REEKED OF DRUGS AND TOBACCO

Delius Took Her Own Life.

FIND \$535 CHECK BY BODY EDUCATED AT THE UNIVERSITY

Woman Was Worth at Least \$250,000.

[By Associated Press ] [By Associated Press]
CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Neighbors or eaking down the door of a cheaply urnished three-room anariment to Virginia, died yesterday morning at urnished three-room apartment to-

Upon her marriage to Delius, who

THREATENED BY FIRE EARLY THIS MORNING

Blaze Originating in Basement Quickly Controlled by Fighters.

ported to have originated among George Way some boxes, was gaining rapid head-kay when firemen arrived on the ber 1, 1918.

cafeteria was opened dense smoke Virginia, where he was graduated in burst forth, handleapping the work of the firemen in front of the build philosophy, modern languages and historical science.

The basement was flooded with water. The damage will not exceed 12.000.

It was during this period that he 22.000.

Bridge.

[By Associated Press.]

BALTIMORE, MD., Dec. 31.—Five ersons were killed in an automobile accident early this morning crash occurred on the Hanover bridge, near the center of the city.

Bents Woman, Gets Hotel Funds. him against the German tactics of evasion and nonfulfillment of pledges, the only differences of opinion being in the method of obtaining reparations payments, the Continued on Dars 2 Continued on Dars 3 Co

### CITY ATTORNEY DIES AT HIS HOME HERE:

Distinguished Virginia Lawyer, Succumbs.

TO CONDUCT FUNERAL AT ST. PAUL'S TODAY

Police Officials Believe Mrs. Born in Albemarle County, He Was Fifty-Nine Years Old.

Was Lending Figure. Officer in Militia.

furnished three-room apariment today found the body of Mrs. Maude
Fuller Delius, eldest daughter of the
late Melville W. Fuller, Chief Justice
tice of the United States Supreme
Court.

A Washington society favorite a
generation ago, Mrs. Delius, police
believe, ended her life some time durang the last three weeks. She was
last seen alive on December 2. The
rooms reeked of the odors of burned
cigarettes and narcotices, according to
Coroner Wolf, who inspected the
body before it was removed to the
morgue, Police base their belief in
suicide on the fact that the door had
heen barred with a shovel braced
beneath the knob.

Beside the body was a check for
Light Mrs. Maude
Grace. He was in failing health
several years. Funeral services will
let conducted from St. Paul's Episcopal Church this afternoon at 1
o'clock, Rev. W. Russell Bowle, D. D., officiating. Interment will be in Hollywood.
Pailbearers are: Active—Archibald
Grace. He was in failing health
several years.
Funeral services will
and Rev. Russell Cecil, D. D., officiating. Interment will be in Hollywood.
Go. Robertson, Richmond T. Lacy,
John Skelton Williams, Archer Anderson, J. R. J. Anderson, Edward
Hobson, Reid Hobson, John L. InHobson, Reid Hobson, John L. InHobson, Reid Hobson, John L. InHobson, Reid Hosson, John L. InHobson, John L. InHock Hosson, John L. InHobson, Joh

beneath the knob.

Beside the body was a check for \$1.535 and a bankbook showed a balance of \$57.690 in a local bank. She had a monthly income of \$600 and owned considerable property here, but despite that fact had lived virtually a recluse since the death of her husband, who killed himself eighteen years ago.

From papers found in the apartment, police said, the woman apparently was worth at least \$150.000. In her youth, she was a society favorite of the fashionable Hyde Park district. Following the appointment of her father to the Supreme Court, she lived in Washington for many years.

Linea Beverley T. Crump, Judge W. A. Moncure, Judge D. C. Richardson, Judge Crues, Judge D. C. Richardson, Judge D. C. Richardson, Judge Crues, Judge Cr

who was a granddaughter of Thomas Jefferson.

Upon her marriage to Delius, who was then chief contracting agent for the Chicago and Northwestern Rail-road, they moved to the neighborhood in which she had lived shice his death. She was about 55 years old. gan the practice of law in Richmond which he continued until his death the served Richmond as a member of the House of Delegates, and also as a State Senator. He took a great interest for years in the Virginia vate in the Stuart Horse Guards to colonel of the First Virginia Regiment. He was appointed Assistant City Attorney in 1907, and was elected City Attorney by the City Council in

1.21. Mrs. Cook's Cafeteria, 805-807 East and daughter, Edward C. and Cary race Street, was threatened with Nicholas Anderson, two sisters, Mrs. destruction by fire which was discovered in the basement of the building shortly after 3 o'clock this morning. The blaze, which is rekilled in action in France on Novem-

Ray when firemen arrived on the scene.

Firemen of Engine Company No. 7 succeeded in reaching the blaze by entering the rear of the building. Fire apparatus was stationed in an alley near St. Paul's Churc and other equipment at Ninth and Grace Eighth and Grace and Eighth and Franklin Streets.

When a cellar cap in front of the cafeteria was opened dense smoke Virginia, where he was graduated in burst forth, handleapping the work several academic studies—moral

developed his marked talent for oratory and debate. He won the de-bater's medal both at Hanover 5 KILLED IN BALTIMORE bater's medal both at Hanover Academy and the University. His early inclination was toward the law Victims Lose Lives in Auto Crash on and he was graduated from the law school with the degree of bachelor Shortly afterward he entered upon

(Continued on Page 2, Col. 3.)

Henry Clews Dangerously III.

[By Universal Service.] NEW YORK, Dec. 30. — Henry Tews, banker and noted financial CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—A robber this expert, was reported late tonight to afternoon held up Mrs. Katherine be in a grave condition at his home expert, was reported late tonight to

## Aunt Priscilla Is "Some Cook"



According to those who know her, AUNT PRISCILLA is a real genius of the kitchen. There is nothing "scientific" about AUNT PRISCILLA'S methods. Her kitchen counsel is the good old-fashioned kind. Watch for her words of wisdom every morning in

The Times-Dispatch STARTING NEXT MONDAY MORNING.

#### GOOD ROADS BOND BILL **GUARANTEES CITIZENS** LEVY ON MOTOR FUEL

der Covenant That Will In Written Into the Face of the Certificates.

Foreign Lines' Appeal to Su- Dr. McKoin Member and Or-

bill was then taken up, and it was (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1.)

U. S. CHALLENGES

preme Court Held Im-

proper Course.

[By Associated Press.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 .- Challeng-

ing the jurisdiction of the Supreme

Court to consider the appeals brought

by foreign steamship companies from the prohibition ruling of Judge Hand at New York, and Insisting that the authority of Congress extended to control over intoxicating liquors on American ships on the high seas, the Federal government today filed with the court two briefs which win be used as the busis for its oral arguments next week when the an

arguments next week when the ap

Has Not Consented to Suit.

With regard to the proceedings in-

stituted by the foreign lines, the government declared it had not con-sented to be sued, and that suit

government declared it had not con-sented to be sued, and that suit against it could not be sustained without its consent. It also ques-tioned the right of the foreign com-panies to bring the appeals, insist-ing that they had other remedy at law open to them, and had not pre-sented a cause for action.

The appeals of the American lines were not challenged on the grounds of jurisdiction, but the government

jurisdiction, but the government

insisted that if Congress could pro-hibit American ships from including intoxicating liquor in their cargo it could also prohibit them from hav-ing such liquor in their sea stores for use by passengers while on the high sea.

high seas. There is no distinction in law between the cargo and sea stores, the brief held, so far as exercise of authority by the United States is concerned.

Need Only to Pay More. In its brief dealing with foreign ships, the government declared that any difficulty the foreign steamship

companies might experience in ab-

in regard to the appeal of the American steamship lines from Judge tland's decision.

The brief sald it was "deplorable" that enforcement of prohibition "may interfere with development of

added that the people having made prohibition a part of the organic iaws, "the courts can listen only to the mandates of law, and can tread that path which is marked out by duty."

It was insisted that the prohibition

against bringing liquor within the territorial jurisdiction of the United

(Continued on Page 4, Col. 2.)

PARDON EIGHT I. W. W.'S

President Commutes Sentences, But All Must Leave

America.

By Associated Press.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The sen-tences of eight members of the in-dustrial Works of the World, con-victed in the Haywood case of con-

spirzcy and violation of war-time laws, were commuted by President Harding today to expire at once on

condition that the eight prisoners leave the United States and never

The prisoners will be given sixty days in which to arrange for their departure, and will be required to

give bond on their departure from

our cherished merchant marin

peals are reached.

Written into the face of the certificates themselves, a guarantee that personal or real property will not be taxed to meet the outstanding and unpaid obligations, and providing for a tax on gasoline or other motor fuel for that purpose, the bond bill, to be presented at the extra good roads session of the General Assembly, when it convenes on February 28, is now ready and in the hands of President II. S. Elliott, of the Virginia Good Roads Association.

The bill was decided upon and drafted at a meeting held in Roanoke Islost Tuesday by President Elliott, It. Holman Willis, floor leader of the House of Delegates; D. D. Hull, Jr., of Roanoke, number of the Good Roads Association; Major Marvin Smithey, of Brunswick County, member of the House of Delegates, and other good roads advocates.

The conference was held for the The Conspiracy or on evenicles, to pay Interest hereon, and to create a sinking fund for the Conspiracy.

Year" Men Accused of Frauds.

COST PLUS PLAN

SEVERELY ARRAIGNED

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Daugherty Fires First Salvo in Attack on War

Conduct.

Conduct.

PROMPT DENIAL IS MADE

Accused Ex-Omeini Categorically or or on vehicles, to pay Interest hereon, and to create a sinking fund for the other good roads advocates.

The conference was held for the purpose of discussing the movement to have vacancies in the Senate filled by good roads candidates in every covenants and agrees that the funds district of the State. The road bond

[By Associated Press.] , CLEVELEND, OHIO, Dec. 30.— ategorical denial that there was any enspiracy or collusion in the award

Files Brief in Supreme Court as to Prohibition on Seas.

NO CONSENT FOR ACTION

PROBE TO BE COMPLETE

SEVEN ARE INDICTED
BY FEDERAL GRAND JURY
[By Associated Press.]
WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Benediet Crowell, Assistant Secretary of War under the Wilson administration and six "dollar-a-year" men associated with the Council of National Defense, were indicted here today by the special grand jury investigating war frauds on charges of conspiracy to defraud the government in construction of war-time army camps and cantonments. The others indicted tion of war-time army camps and cantonments. The others indicted

The indictment charges a con-

[By Associated Press.]

MONROE, LA., Dec. 30.—Investigation of secret societies known to have existed in Morehouse Parish, La., and Ashley County, Ark., and devoted to the enforcement of the liquor laws along the Arkansas-Louisiana border, will be made by Department of Justice agents as well as by representatives of the Louisiana Ku-Klux Klan, it was learned here today. here today.

Members of the Morehouse klan

Other

Societies There. A number of independent societies were gald to have later merged into the Louislana-Arkansas Law and Order Legue with the Louislana and Order Legue with the law der League, which was purported to have had a membership of approxi-

ganizer of Law and

Order League.

[By Associated Press.]

#### companies inight experience in ob-taining adequate crews by the bar-ring of intoxicating liquors in Amer-ican ports could be readily obviated by the payment of higher wages. The prohibition amendment and the enforcement act require the ap-plication of prohibition to every place where the United States may exercise jurisdiction, the govern-ment further declared in a brief filled in regard to the appeal of the Amer-**OUARTER-MILLION** IS LOST IN BLAZE AT ATLANTIC CITY

Three Reported Missing When Flames Destroy Cafe and Beauty Shop. [By Associated Press.]

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Dec. 30 -Fire caused \$250,000 damage as New York Avenue and the Board Walk today. Three persons were reported missing tonight and three firemen were slightly injured. Four girls, cabaret singers in one of the buildings destroyed, were carried down ladders to safety. carried down ladders to safety.

Lugha J. Adler, an actor, who attempted to rescue Dolly Austin and Ruth Randail, entertainers, from a burning hotel, climbed out of an electric sign and dragged himself over to the window where the women were screaming for help, He women were screaming for help, He lost his balance and crashed lost the state report in the state of t

Balta Barin Cafe, was damaged by water and partly burned. TO QUIT TOKYO POST

and that of the Orchard Show Salon were badly damaged. The

prison that they will appear at a stated time and surrender them-selves for deportation. Ambassador Warren to Sull America January 23.

The men whose sentences were [By Associated Press.]
Azuara, sentenced to twenty years;
ten years; Charles L Lambert, twenty years; Harry Lloyd, five years; Burt Lorton, ten years; Sam Scarlett, twenty years; Archie Sindari, ten years.

America January 25.

[By Associated Press.]
TOKYO, Dec. 30.—Charles R, Warduction of Ties, Oklas, were held by Federal Commissioner Hitchcock tends for America on the President Cleveland January 25, and after necessary conferences with years; Burt Lorton, ten years; Sam Scarlett, twenty years; Archie Sindari, ten years.

America January 25.

[By Associated Press.]
TOKYO, Dec. 30.—Charles R, Warduction of Ties, Oklas, were held by Federal Commissioner Hitchcock tends for a hearing January 6 on complaint of Frederick Waison. British censul, who asked they be extradited to Canada to face the charge of robbery on December 15 of \$40,000 from the Royal Bank of Canada, at Mount Forrest, Ont.

#### FORMER ASSISTANT WAR SECRETARY IS ONE OF 7 INDICTED

Crowell and Six "Dollar-a-Year" Men Accused

d Ex-Official Categorically Denies All Collusion or Conspiracy,

which he had any knowledge of or connection with, was made by Bene-dict Crowell, former Assistant Secre-tary of War, when informed of the return of indictments against him-self and six other "dollar-a-year" men.

were: William A. Starrett, Morton C. Tuttle, Clemens W. Lundoff, Clair Foster, John H. McGibbons, James M. Mears.

The indictment charges a con-spiracy to maiadminister existing laws and regulations; to control the giving of contracts to friends, as-sociates and clients under the "cost plus" system, which it charged re-souted in a loss to the government, of millions of dollars and reduced the morale of labor. the morale of labor.

Daugherty's First Salvo.

Daugherty's First Salvo.

The indictments are the first big salvo in Attorney-General Daugherty's attack on many war-time contracts which the Department of Justice holds after exhaustive investigation to be fraudulent. Others are expected to follow, and it is estimated. Members of the Morehouse klan declare their organization was not responsible for the kidnaping of the five Mer Rouge citizens and the murder of two. On the other hand, they assert as there were other unidentified organizations active in this territory one of them could have perpetrated the mob action of August 24. jury of a mass of evidence which the Attorney-General has been gather-ing for eighteen months. It was

Apply to All Alike.

The indictments, applying to all named alike, charges that contract

After functioning for some time and announcing that it had stopped various forms of lawlessness, principally bootlegging and moonshining—the league is said to have either stopped functioning or to have disbanded.

Members of the societies declared their action was necessary to enforce the laws regarding the eighteenth amendment in the absence of State law, which was not provided until the Hood net was passed by the Louislana Legislature in the fall of 1921.

Prior to the passage of the act, it was said the State border was in a state of lawlessness. The league (Continued on Page 4, Col. 5.)

QUARTER-MILLION

IS LOST IN DIAZE

handed alike, charges that contractors and tors, their agents, engineers, architects and officers of the government, and to control the giving of contracts to friends, associates and clients, past and prospective.

The emergency construction committee of the Council of National Defense, the indications charge was used as the vehicle for carrying out the alleged plan. The government charged that the alleged conspirators used their membership on the committee to unlawfully influence other officers of the United States in the plans and policies for carrying out the war-time construction program; to attain the "cost plus" system; to eliminate usual safeguards for the government and to defeat checking up and supervising the contracters are prejudical to the government, and to control the giving of contracts to friends, associates and clients, past and prospective.

The emergency construction committee to unlawfully influence other officers of the United States in the plans and policies for carrying out the war-time construction program; to attain the "cost plus" system; to eliminate usual safeguards for the government and to defeat checking up and supervising the contractors are profitable to the government and to control the giving of contracts to the profitable to the government and to control the giving of contracts to the profitable to the contractors and prospective.

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and supervising the contractors. Forty-Seven Overt Acts Charged.
The indictments, which charge forty-seven overt acts, further charge that the alleged consistent used their position. evadin

fiable f and spirit spiracy, monte charge, the United States government lost millions of dollars, the morale of labor was reduced, and the government (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3.)

FLU IN WEST VIRGINIA

Three Hundred Cases Are Reported at Princeton.

By Associated Press.]
CHARLESTON, W. VA., Dec. 30.—
West Virginia Health Department officials here today were advised of an
influenza enidemic at Princeton, W.

women were screaming for help. He fluenza outbreaks. At Helen, Raleigh lost his balance and crashed through a glass roof, but was only slightly injured.

The interiors of the Moulin Rouge Cafe and Hugo's Beauty Shop were destroyed.

The Interior of the Hotel Stoess

missioner has sent out instructions for checking the spread of the dis-ease, HELD FOR EXTRADITION

Two Are Charged With Robbing Canadian Bauk.

[By. Associated Press.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Floyd Nojan, of Memphis, Tenn., and Lew's
Austin. of Tisa, Oklar, were held by
Federal Commissioner Hitchcock taday for a hearing January 6 on complaint of Frederick Waison. British

IN EVERY TRADE LINE

MERCHANTS LOOK FOR

and other products of the soil bringing good prices; the possibility of money, which will insure financial and business stability; a campaign of building, which is giving imployment to all classes of mechanics, and others who desire work. is certain to put Hichmond and the

Business Men Optimistic.

ing the past few months, and, while the foreign situation presents a pos-sibility of upsetting expectations, that should not be too seriously con-sidered, it is pointed out. There is one thing, however, that all agree is certain. Prices in every line will be high. The cost of coal, the high wages paid labor, both skill-ed and unskilled, and the cost of raw material is responsible for that, it is claimed.

Car Shortage Rectified. froad heads also are looking more prosperous year than the

Hotel men are also looking for the biggest twelve months since the close of the World War. Improve-

Receipts for half fiscal year ending December 31, 1922, \$850,000 (including today.)

vatively and avoid speculation in goods and commodities.

Generat Outlook Encouraging.
W. H. Schwarzchild, president of
the Rotall Merchants' Association.

## BRITAIN WILL URGE

Principles of Plan. In its broad principles the plan is

Reduce Reparations Largely.

3. Reduction of reparations total o about £2,500,000,000, which if not

mans beginning January 15.

It is stated that Premier Poincare is likely to be surprised to find Bonar Law in full sympathy with him against the German

Maryland Automobilists Lose Their Registration Cards.
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BALTIMORE, MD., Dec. 30.—Thousands of Maryland automobilists, although they have their 1923 license

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